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Docket Control
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Docket No. E-00000C-11-0328 Smart Meters

Dear Commissioners:

The opt-out must include all Arizona utility customers, regardless of the metering technology. Whether the technology is wireless, PLC, or some other, every customer must be able to opt-out of the communicating meter. This is an issue of: fairness, privacy, and security. It is also an issue of health, as the actual effects of a PLC system on household electricity have not been established to be safer than wireless.

All opt-out participants must be offered a non-communicating electromechanical meter, not required to use a digital meter. In other words, we should be able to keep our analog meters. Digital meters also put out radio frequency. For people like me, who are already sensitive to man-made frequencies (in my case due to over-exposure to a cell phone tower), even a digital meter is too much.

Smart Meters, insofar as they are to be part of a so-called "Smart Grid", are more vulnerable to being "fried" by an accident (e.g. large solar flares) hacking, or attack to the grid.

Former head of CIA Woolsey calls the Smart Grid a stupid grid.

Sincerely,

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